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King County Community Organizing Program Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 20, 2011 SOAR Conference Room

Board Members present: Liz Wilhelm, Co-Chair; Mark Howard, City of Seattle Emergency Management Services, Co-Chair; Constance Perenyi, Friends of Third Place Commons,

Staff Members present: Laura Quinn, Community Organizer; Sharon Toquinto, Prevention and Treatment Manager.

I. OPENING AND UPDATES

Board and staff introduced themselves and gave updates on their work.
The Board minutes from June were approved.

II. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Commerce and new state contract

Sharon reported that there were no changes to the new contract from Commerce. There will be more emphasis on due dates for contract paperwork, however. The board asked if the program could still do everything the state was asking of us, and Sharon and Laura said that we could.

2. Review of 11-13 workplan

Laura and Sharon reported that they had entered the new workplan into the OSPI data system, and that it had few changes. It is broad enough in its targeted risk and protective factors to encompass the organizing work that Laura is doing. Laura also discussed her workplan, which also does not change much from last year's, though she did want to try to do more work in south King County.

3. Future Meeting Items

The board discussed the idea of having speakers come and talk to the board, especially people who have benefitted from mini-grants and/or Laura's time. Cheryl Hanson, now with the Black Diamond Community Center, has agreed to come to the November meeting to talk about her work. The board also wanted to hear from the "Put This on the Map" coalition and possibly Reel Grrls or Sue Paro with Communities in Schools of Renton.

III. Program reports and updates

1. CO Report

Laura gave her written and oral report on the groups she has been working with around the county.

2. MAT Update

Sharon provided a reminder that the meth grant funding ends September 30. The Meth Action Team was unable to meet again with the Sheriff's Department. Geoff Miller attended the last statewide MAT meeting this month.

3. Recovery Month

Sharon and Laura gave an update on King County's efforts to get Recovery Month Proclamations from every city in the county. More than half of those cities did issue the proclamations, which supported the recovery of those impacted by mental health and substance abuse issues. Prevention staff members were able to attend several of the City Council meetings to accept the proclamations on behalf of King County. The King County Executive also issued a Recovery Month Proclamation.

4. PRI Update

Sharon announced that the first two Prevention Redesign Initiative communities had been chosen. They are Vashon Island and Central Seattle (Washington Middle School and Garfield High School).

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 18th

SOAR

801 – 23rd Ave S.

Seattle, WA

12:30-2:30